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Newsletter of Dolphin Divers of Sacramento

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**Appointed board positions
will be filled at the May
2nd meeting**

2011-2012 appointed positions

Promotions Chair

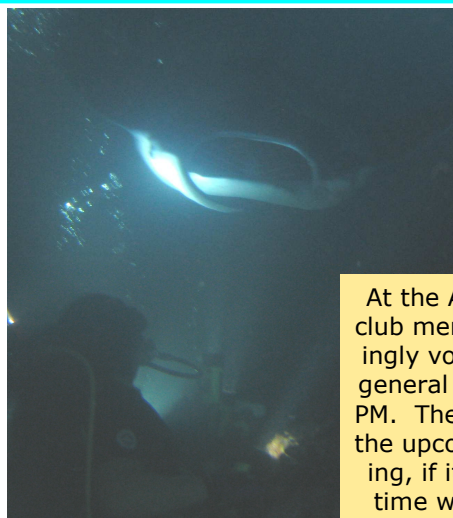
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At the April meeting, the club members overwhelmingly voted to change the general meeting time to 7 PM. The board will vote at the upcoming board meeting, if it passes, the new time will begin in JUNE. Stay Tuned.

President's Message

Dear Dolphin Divers,
With May comes a new year for Dolphin Divers of Sacramento, along with a new Board. As the newly elected President I want to take a moment and welcome any new or returning members to our club. Equally, I want to thank each one of you for your support and participation in the election for this year's board. As we move through the new year, I hope Dolphin Divers of Sacramento will continue their tradition of fun, family oriented and safe diving and non-diving events for members of all ages. I am honored at the opportunity presented to me this year, I encourage any feedback from all members and their guests as we learn and grow together during this upcoming year. If you were not able to attend the April Elections

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~Meetings~

General meetings start at 7:30 pm, and are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at Round Table Pizza, 9500 Greenback Lane (at Madison). Call 916-989-1133 to order in advance, and be sure to ask for the

Dolphin Dive Club discount. **Board meetings** are held on the 1st Wednesday of the month, at a board members house. All members are welcome to attend all meetings,

however we ask that you call the host to RSVP. Board meetings start at 7:00 pm.

Upcoming board meetings:

May 2nd: Jack Millard

(916) 987-1303

Following meetings TBD at May board meeting

Dolphin Birthday Club

5-May Corinne Fuerst

Kristin Bowling

22-May John Wong

24-May David Alarid

Taylor Alarid

27-May Maridee Green

Marlyn Sepulveda

Welcome New Members:

Armando Soriano

Bruce Robbins

Ellie Robbins

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meeting, you missed the announcement of the newly elected DDS board.

Your new 2012/13 Board DDS members are as follows:

President - Marlyn Sepulveda ,Vice President - Cayle Little, Secretary - Brad Frelove, Treasurer - David Whiteside, Safety Officer - Bill Holman, Activities Chair - Ken Takata, Members at Large - Chris Anthon, David Ford, Lalaynia Little, Michelle Pluth, Penny Johnson, Steve Volpicelli , Alternate Members at Large: Shaun O'Keefe, Debera O'Keefe

Thank you for volunteering your time and for your commitment! If you are Interested in attending the first board meeting of the new year, it will be held on May 2nd at Jack Millard's home. Watch the Yahoo Group for more information. See you at the next meeting, dive safe and dive often!

~Marlyn

Sunshine Committee

If you know of a club member in need of some sunshine, please contact our sunshine committee chair, Maridee Green at (916) 722-7665 or lmgreen@comcast.net

Advanced Dive Class

Bill Holman will be offering an advanced open water dive class for club members on May 5 & 6th. The open water dives will be held at Sugar Pine Reservoir. Please contact Minn (mn95616@yahoo.com) Or Bill (916)825-5699 for more information. Several members have already signed up, but a few more spots are available.

Message From the Activity Chair

Thank you for electing me as your Activities Chair. As you know, the Dolphin Divers of Sacramento is a large and very active club. It takes the hard work of many dedicated people to insure that you have the opportunity to participate in so many fun dive activities. So I encourage you, the membership, to take a greater role in these efforts to make our club successful.

First I encourage you to lead or co-lead an event. It

can be as simple as quick dive trip to the coast or, if you feel energetic, something more elaborate. It is all up to you. If you need guidance, there are plenty of experienced people to help you out.

If you're not up to leading an event, volunteer to assist with an event. Leaders of big events such as the Labor Day Spearfishing Contest, the Christmas Party, and the Easter Egg Hunt can always use extra help. You know the old saying. "Many hands makes for light work."

Lastly, when the next election cycle comes around, volunteer to serve on the Board. The Board is essential to the club's operations and new faces and ideas are always welcome.

In order to keep the Dolphin Divers of Sacramento vibrant and fun, it's important that we all become involved. Besides, it's a lot of fun.

Ken Takata

Past Events

Abalone Opener

April 6 – 8

A small group of divers gathered at Ocean Cove over



Easter weekend to welcome the opening of abalone season. I arrived on Thursday, April 5, with Jerry King and we checked in to the campground at the Ocean Cove Store. They told us that the water had been very rough all week so

we picked the right weekend to come. We drove around looking for a good spot for the three trailers that were

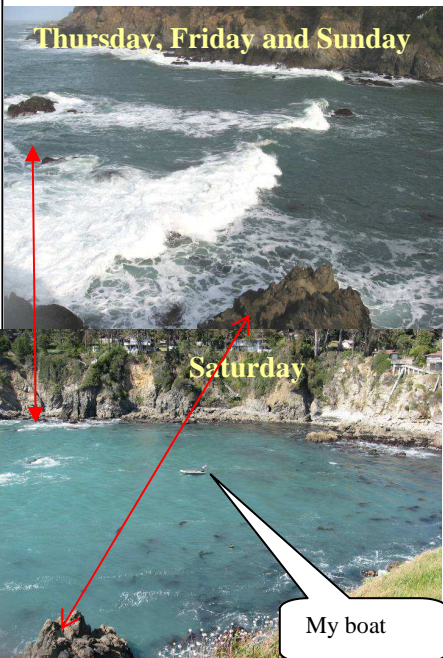
heading up to join us. The wind was SCREAMING across the water and into the campground with big waves and



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whitecaps on the open ocean. I had intended on finding a spot for everyone where we could have an ocean view, but we ended up hiding behind a small hill covered with trees. By the end of Friday the other campers had



shown up and the winds had died down – a little. We were fairly cozy in our protected area and the sun was shining bright, so we made the best of the camping. Mike and Melvin helped me launch my boat Friday afternoon so it would be ready

for Saturday morning. Saturday the weather was perfect! And the ocean was, too. There was no wind and the swells had totally gone leaving flat seas. There was a negative tide early in the morning so Mike, Jerry and I headed out at about 8:30 to try our luck. More members were supposed to meet us for the day, but they had not arrive by the time we headed for the water. Everyone we spoke with that had already been in the water reported a lot of empty abalone shells on the bottom, left over from the big die off last year. I dropped anchor about ½ way to Salt Point, off a few rocks in about 25 feet of water, where we dropped in. I found three legal abs fairly quickly, but the visibility was only a few feet so both Mike and Jerry had a hard time spotting any. They made some dives a little closer

to shore where Jerry came up with one. I had my limit so I sat in the boat while Mike and Jerry kept diving. They finally



got winded from diving and climbed back into the boat. We pulled back up to shore at about 10:00 with a much higher tide. Mike drove back to camp to get the other divers while Jerry and I waited with the boat. After a few minutes Mike's truck backed down loaded with the other divers. I had my boat loaded with Holger Fuerst, Brad Freelove, Chris Blanchfield, Minh Nguyen and Steve Campbell when we headed back to the same spot. Holger and Brad made a couple of dives to almost 40 feet and reported very few abalone – but Brad did find a nice 9.93 inch Ab taking Big Ab for both the Seahorses and Dolphin Dive Clubs. It's still early in the season so I'm sure this will be a short lived record. Everyone else pulled a few abalone so we "tagged 'em and bagged 'em" before heading back to the boat launch.

I had intended to leave my boat moored over night, again, because the forecast conditions for Sunday were even better! Most of us had our limits so I decided to pull the boat Saturday, instead of Sunday. The vis was so bad we didn't even try to make any tank dives.

Back in camp we all enjoyed the clear skies and calm wind. Jerry and I sat outside of my motorhome in my reclining chairs and took a nap. I guess I fell pretty deep asleep because Marianne Larson, Mike's wife, said my snoring sounded like a chain saw (-:

Later in the afternoon we all sat around in Holger and



Corinne's camp sharing appetizers before gather under my awning for a late pot-luck dinner. Just before dark I walked back to the boat ramp to look across the water. WOW! It sure was a good thing that I had pulled the boat out because the swells were already building back up and it had turned nasty where I would have left my boat anchored. Holger brought up a lot of nice oak firewood, and I had my "special" fire pit, so we all sat around the campfire after dinner telling stories and watching the stars.

Sunday the wind was back and the waves were even bigger – so we picked the right day to dive! Everyone packed up camp and we had all left by about 11:00.

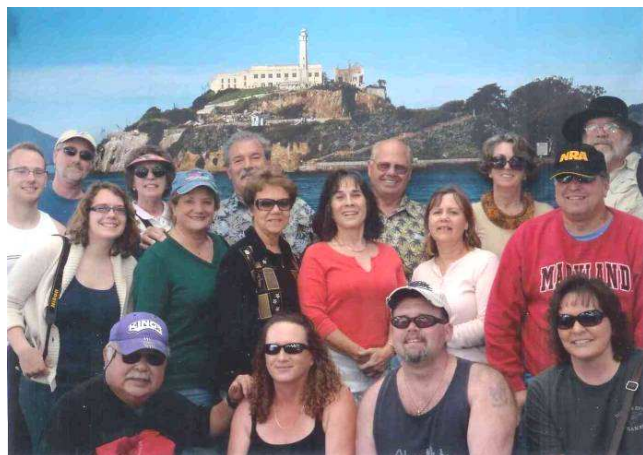
Thanks Mike for launching my boat for me!!

Jack Millard

San Francisco – Alcatraz Island

April 21

A group of 15 club members and friends joined Debby



and me for a fun Saturday along the San Francisco waterfront. A few of us met at the Denny's restaurant in West Sacramento and the rest met us at Pier 33 where we boarded our boat for our Alcatraz Tour. We had tickets for the 11:00 ferry. The weather forecast

was PERFECT for the day, and it was right! The sun was shining all day without a hint of the infamous San Francisco fog.



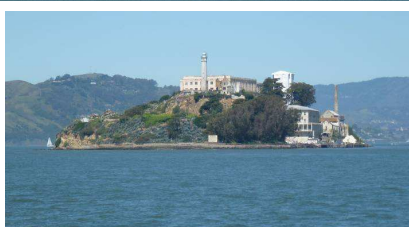
It was actually getting too warm on the dock to wear our sweatshirts, but we were all glad we had brought them because it felt much cooler on the water and during our Alcatraz tour.

As soon as we stepped off onto the island we split up into several smaller groups and headed in different directions with an agreement to meet back at the dock in time for the 2:10 ferry back to Pier 33. Debby, Will Dutton and I headed for the top of the island first. I thought we could start at the top and work our way down. OK, it seemed like a good idea but after we had

walked the paths 130 feet up to the top we realized that the headsets for the tour were available near the entrance, at the bottom. We enjoyed magnificent views of the bay looking toward the hills of San Francisco, back toward the Bay Bridge and out under the Golden Gate Bridge. A light breeze was blowing so the waters were dotted with sailboats enjoying the weather. Debby, Will and I walked along the west side



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island, through flower and past nesting hundreds and many

beautiful Snowy Egrets. Then we worked our way back to the "cellhouse" where we picked up our free headsets and followed the taped directions past many exhibits and back up the inside of the prison. The audio tour was wonderful and we all learned a lot about the history and life of both the prisoners and the guards with their families.



It took us about 2 ½ hours to walk most of the island's trails and the prison grounds. We only saw some of the others who were with us a few times during our exploration.

Carol Herrlie called me on my cell phone at about 1:30 to let me know that her, Joe, Barbara Bloom, Brooke Hudson and Eileen Whiteside were already back at the Alcatraz Landing and were boarding the 1:30 ferry. I told her we would not make that one and that we would meet them for lunch at the Neptune Palace restaurant at the end of Pier 39. Bob, Kim, Jordan and Megan Taylor were also on the ferry with them, but they didn't join us for lunch.

When Debby, Will and I got down to the ferry terminal at about 1:45 we saw our friends, Ed and Janice Albert waiting with Brad and Linda Freelove and Ken Takata for the next ferry.

As soon as we stepped off of the ferry we walked the few blocks to Pier 39. LOTS of other people were enjoying the balmy weather so we had to dodge and



weave through the crowd to reach Neptune Palace. We were all seated together at 4 tables with nice views out over

the bay toward Alcatraz. Needless to say everyone had a wonderful time and enjoyed the day immensely! Thank you Carol for buying the group photos taken of our entire group as we boarded the ferry. We'll have to organize more of these outings so we can spend time with all of our buddies!! (-: Jack Millard

Upcoming Events

Memorial Day Weekend Event

May 26, 27, and 28

Memorial Weekend at Albion! Well, Memorial Day weekend is just a little over a month away. This year, Charlie Rojas is leading the event. We will be staying at the Albion River Campground. 16 sites have been reserved but many have been taken. If you want to join us, please contact Charlie Rojas at 22rojasc@sbcglobal.net. Charlie will give you all the info that you need to secure a site. There will be a couple of boats up there to take us out and the weather looks promising. As Albion is only 16 miles from Ft. Bragg, non-divers can have some fun also. Lots of neat shops to visit in both Ft. Bragg and Mendocino.

Big Ab Big Ling Dive Event

June 2 and 3

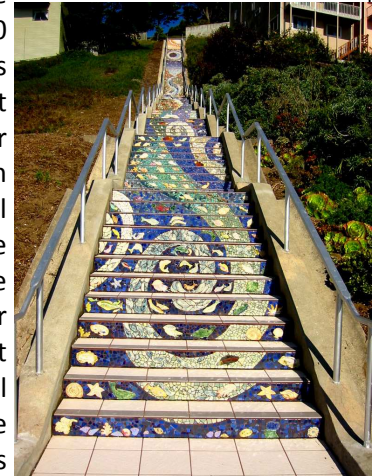
Dear Dive Club Members,
The Big Ab Big Ling will be held the weekend of Saturday June 2nd at the Manchester KOA not far from Pt. Arena, CA. There will be an article in the April and May Bubbles for this event. Use the following website to register and learn more information about the event and contest: www.bigabbigling.com/ The last day to get a Shirt with Event Registration is May 20th 2012. You do not have to be in the contest to attend. Consider making your own reservations and join in for a fun weekend of diving. (www.manchesterbeachkoa.com/)

For Better Diving, Richard
richardsears@yahoo.com 916-212-7690

San Francisco Day Hike

June 2nd

Saturday, Jun 2, join Debby and me for another fun day of adventure walking the paths of San Francisco's Golden Gate Park. We will meet again at 8:00 at the Denny's Restaurant in West Sacramento for breakfast and to form car pools. Then we will head for The Stow Lake parking lots in the middle of the park, near the Science and Art Museums, where we will start our walk. We have done this several times



before when it has always been a fun time. We'll walk past several of the gardens down to the beach. There we will enjoy lunch at the "Beach Chalet Brewery and Restaurant" before heading back to our parked cars. Along the trails leading down to the beach we will pass the rose gardens and the Dutch Windmill, surrounded by a Tulip garden.

The walk to the beach is a meandering downhill series of walkways with lots of things to see. We will walk back along a different route to enjoy more of the park, but the path back is all up hill. Not steep, but you will definitely feel it when we get back to our cars.

We'll try to stop by the 16th Avenue tile steps project while we are there. These are only about 5 blocks south of Golden Gate Park in Grand View Park.

If you are joining us please let me know so that I can update you with any new information about the walk.

Jack Millard, jbmillard@aol.com, 916.955.8017

Fathers Day Weekend

June 16-17

Father's Day Weekend at Ocean Cove. June 16-17 are the days and Ocean Cove is the place. The annual Dolphin Divers Father's Day event is a couple of months away. Event leader is Charlie Rojas. Another chance to find that big ab or spear that big fish.....or just kick back and watch the waves. Please let Charlie know if you want to join us. Charlie is at 22rojasc@sbcglobal.net.

Out-and-About

Don't forget when you are out-and-about, the following shops and businesses support Dolphin Divers of Sacramento. When you patronize, please tell them you are a club member and thank them for their support. The following shops honor the free air fills on the back of your membership cards:

- **Dolphin Scuba Center:** (916) 929-8188
www.dolphinscuba.com
- **Fish Eye Scuba:** (916) 850-1145 www.fisheyescuba.com
- **Scuba World** (916) 332-8294 www.scubaworldsacto.com

Dolphin Divers of Sacramento is a non-profit organization not affiliated with any dive shops, but we do support dive shops listed.

Garage Sale

Have anything to [sell, trade, give away](#)?

You can advertise for FREE in the bubbles.

Email: holjohnson@gmail.com or call: (530)219-5415

Renee Viehmann @ 837-4973 for the following: West Marine Portable Cabin Heater \$251 small boat anchor \$10

Chris Anthon @ 799-9468 for the following:

- Typhoon II Fins sz XL, used once \$40
- Mostly new (computer new, wrist band <10 dives) Retail \$1,749.95

Craig Brookey: TANK Aluminum 80 Dark Blue Fresh Hydro & Vis (November 2011) \$150 916-952-0322 or CBrookey@sbcglobal.net

2012 Trophy Corner

Big AB: Brad Freelove-9.93 inches

Big Fish:



DOLPHIN DIVERS OF SACRAMENTO

2012

May

- 2nd: Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m., location Jack Millard
- 16th: General Meeting, 7:00 p.m., location Round Table Pizza
- 26th—28th: President's Day Weekend—contact Charlie Rojas or Brad Freelove

June

- 2nd—3rd: Big Ab/Big Ling—contact Richard Sears
- 2nd: San Francisco Day Hike, Jack Millard
- 6th: Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m., location TBD
- 20th: General Meeting, 7:00 p.m., location Round Table Pizza

July

- TBD: Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m., location TBD (1st Wednesday is the 4th of July Holiday)
- 18th: General Meeting, 7:00 p.m., location Round Table Pizza

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